



CLARK REGIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY

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Severe weather prompts emergency proclamation

VANCOUVER, WA— At 10 a.m. today, the Board of Clark County Commissioners issued a proclamation of emergency for the county due to recent severe weather.

Beginning on Dec. 17, 2008, extremely heavy snow and freezing rain occurred in Clark County, which in conjunction with subsequent heavy rains and strong winds on Jan. 7, 2009, caused public and private property damage in excess of \$1 million.

The proclamation authorizes Clark County Emergency Services to seek state and/or federal disaster relief funding to help pay for necessary repairs and emergency response activities.

Currently, the following public roads have been closed as a result of the recent severe weather, and will require significant repairs:

- Buncombe Hollow Road, which was closed after a series of landslides in early January
- Columbia Tie Road, which was closed after a road culvert washed out on Jan. 7
- Pup Creek Road, which was washed out at Cedar Creek on Jan. 7

Information officers will be on duty at the Clark Regional EOC to provide emergency status information to the news media. You may reach the IO on duty at (360) 737-1911, ext. 3935 or 3985.

Members of the public should call 911 to report life-threatening emergency situations. They should call 211 if they have questions that are less urgent.

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